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## RAFFLES, ihe AMATEUR CRACKSMAN.

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Seventh Story in the Absorbing Raffles Series

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more, the telegram calling my attention to countenance. the advertisement or the advertisement ."I-I've come about his advertisement correct?" tteelf. The telegram is before me as I in the Daily Mail."

morning of May 11, 1897, and received before half past at Holloway B. O. And in the drab region it duly found me, unwashen but at work before the day grew bot and my attic insupportable.

See Mr. Maturin's advertisement Daily Mail might suit you earnestly beg try will speak if necessary.

I transcribe the thing as I see it before me, all in one breath that took away mine; but I leave out the initials at the end, which completed the surprise. They stood very obviously for the knighted specialist whose consulting room is within a good bay which one?"

upon the stairs, and the day's still young.

Excuse my staring at you. Yes, you pass you reell had most just after one of the few. We had most just after the worst cases, and that last chap was the first for twenty minutes. Come in here,"

And I was ushered into an empty room with a good bay window, which enabled my full-blooded friend to inspect me yet more critically in a good light. This he did without the least false delicacy. Then his questions began.

"Varsity man?"

"No."

"Public school?"

"Yes."

"Which one?"

"I came in for money."

"And then?"

"And since then?"

"Are relative of mine will tell you if you ask him. He is an eminent man, and he has promised to speak for me. I would rather say no more myself."

"But you shall, sir, but you shall! Do you suppose that I suppose a public school boy would apply for a berth like this if something or other hadn't happened? What I want is a gentleman of sorts, and I don't much care what sort; but you've got to tell what did what sort; but you've got to tell what did not some promine.

"Yes."

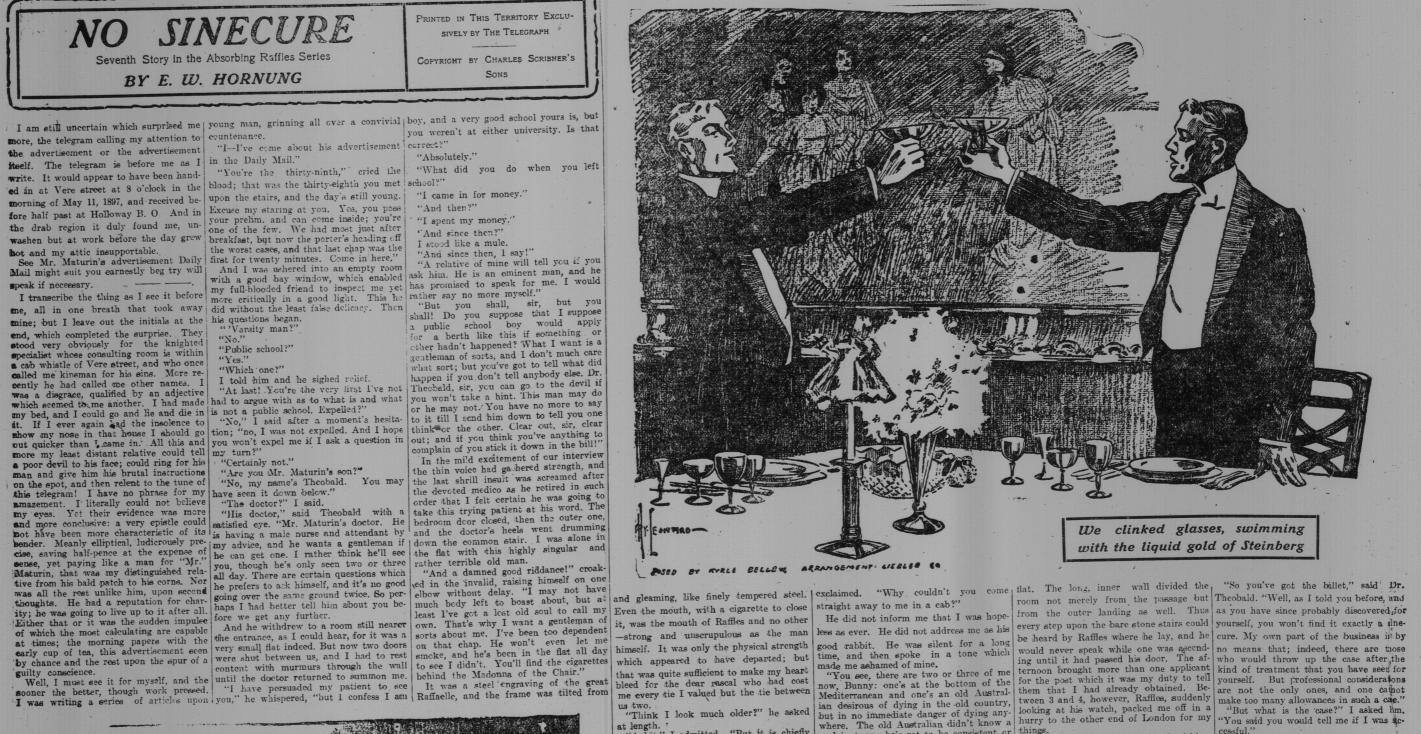
"Yes."

"Yes."

"Yes."

write. It would appear to have been hand- "You're the thirty-ninth," cried the "What did you do when you left ed in at Vere street at 8 o'clock in the blood; that was the thirty-eighth you met school?" morning of May 11, 1897, and received be- upon the stairs, and the day's still young. "I came in for money."

I am still uncertain which surprised me young man, grinning all over a convivial boy, and a very good school yours is, but you weren't at either university. Is that



"But are you all right or are you not?"
"No, I'm half poisoned by Theobald's prescriptions and putrid cigarettes and as weak as a cat from lying in bed."

"Then why on earth lie in bed, Raffles?" "Because it's better than lying in jail, as I am afraid you know, my poor, dear fellow. I tell you I am dead, and my one terror is of coming to life again by accident. Can't you see? I simply dare not show my nose out of doors—by day. You have no idea of the number of perfectly innocent things a dead man daren't do. I can't even smoke Sullivans, because no one man was ever so partial to them as I was in my lifetime, and you never know

when you may start a clue."
"What brought you to these mansions?"
"I fancied a flat, and a man recommended these on the boat. Such a good chap, Bunny; he was my reference when

estance and unscruptions as the man plane has a contract of the physical strength which appeared to have departed; but that was quite sufficient to make my heart the was defined to make my heart the was quite sufficient to make my heart the was contracted beed for the dear reason who had contract the standard of minor of three of me werey tie I valued but the tie between my two the part of the part

and most troublesome case, which is re-sponsibility enough without certain features which make it all but insupportable. Beyond this I must refuse to discuss my patient for the present, but I shall cer-tainly go up if I can find time." He went up within five minutes. I found

him there on my return at dusk. But he did not refuse my stall at the Lyceum, which Raffles would not allow me to use myself, and presented to him offhand without my leave.
"And don't you bother any more about me till tomorrow," snapped the high, thin voice as he was eff "I can send for you now when I want you, and I'm hoping to

have a decent night for once." It was half-past 10 when we left the flat in an interval of silence on the noisy stairs. The silence was unbroken by our wary feet. Yet for me a surprise was in store upon the very landing. Instead of going downstairs Raffles led me up two

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TI EONALD POSED. DE GTELO BELLEW PERATCEMENT WELLER CE Raffles led me up two flights prison life and had my nib into the whole Bystem; a literary and philanthropical daily was parading my "charges," the graver ones with the more guests; and the sterms, if unhandsome for creative with that I had to cash it to obtain a Dail;

were temporary wealth to me. It so he pened that my first check had just rived by the 8 o'clock post; and my president should be appreciated when I say Of the advertisement itself what is to

member that it was a "male nurse and constant attendant" that was "wanted for a querulous invalid, and for no sine-constant attendant" that was "wanted for a querulous invalid, and for no sine-constant attendant" that was "wanted for a querulous invalid, and for no sine-constant attendant" that was "wanted for a querulous invalid, and for no sine-constant attendant" that was "wanted for a querulous invalid, and for no sine-constant attendant" that was "wanted for a querulous invalid, and for no sine-constant attendant" that was "wanted for a querulous invalid, and for no sine-constant attendant" that was "wanted for a querulous invalid, and for no sine-constant attendant" that was "wanted for a querulous invalid, and for no sine-constant attendant" that was "wanted for a querulous invalid, and for no sine-constant attendant" that was "wanted for a querulous invalid, and for no sine-constant attendant" that was "wanted for the billet."

"I struck the match and held it, while the invalid inhaled with normal lips; and sudden I sighed. I was irresistibly repoll anded on a stretcher—most pathetic case of a sudden I sighed. I was irresistibly repoll anded on a stretcher—most pathetic case of a sudden I sighed. I was irresistibly repoll and the invalid inhaled with normal lips; and suddenly I sighed. I was irresistibly repoll and the invalid inhaled with normal lips; and suddenly I sighed. I was irresistibly repoll and the invalid inhaled with normal lips; and now a light."

I struck the match and held it, while it came to signing the lease. You see, I landed on a stretcher—most pathetic case of a suddenly I sighed. I was irresistibly repoll and the invalid inhaled with normal lips; and now a light."

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"By all means—when you get the bill landed of my poor, dear old Raifles. A smoke ring worthy of the great A.

be said? It should speak for itself if I not sanguine of the result. He is very difficult from the said in the wall; at a touch a packet of cigarettes could find it, but I cannot, and only reficult to please. You must prepare yourself the wall; at a touch a packet of cigarettes could find it, but I cannot, and only reficult to please. You must prepare yourself tumbled down from ochind.

"Thanks; and now a light."

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